What are Community Health Centers?

Community Health Centers deliver **high-quality, affordable care** to patients and **reduce costs** for America's healthcare system. Health centers are **consumer-governed** and patient-centered health care organizations that provide **cost-effective primary care** in **medically underserved communities**. Health centers provide care to all patients regardless of income and insurance status by offering services on a **sliding-fee scale**. Health centers **improve access to primary care** and integrated specialty services such as **preventive, behavioral, substance use treatment, oral, vision and pharmacy** services. Additionally, health centers offer a host of ancillary services to support patients' needs around food insecurity, housing, transportation, language access, and other **social drivers of health**. Health centers…

- Serve as the health care home for over **30 million patients** in over **14,000 communities** across the country
- Reduce health care costs, **saving** an average of **24% per Medicaid patient** compared to other providers
- **Integrate medical, specialty and social services** such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Create **285,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **$85 billion in total economic activity** in local communities
- Provide care to **400,000 veterans**, **1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.6 million** adults over age 65, and **8.8 million children**

Health Centers in South Dakota

SD Health Centers

Total Grantees	4
Service Delivery Sites	50
% Rural	50%
% with MAT Services	75%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

SD Staff

Physicians	58
NPs/PAs/CNMs	89
Nurses	182
Behavioral Health Specialists	15
Pharmacy	14
Dental	61
Vision	0
Enabling Services	44
Other	1
Total FTEs*	906

SD Patients

Children	35,399
Older adults	21,367
Patients experiencing homelessness	2,317
Veterans	3,325
Agricultural workers	502
Racial/ethnic minority	21,468
Total patients	123,982

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	11%	11%
Income < 200% FPL	11%	16%
Uninsured	18%	8%
Medicaid	20%	13%
Medicare	16%	16%
Dually Eligible	2%	
Private Insurance	46%	59%

SD Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in SD created **1,298 jobs** and generated **$ 219,676,199 in total economic activity** in 2021.

Notes: State data include only health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants. *FTEs = Full-Time Equivalent. States with fewer than 1% dually-eligible patients may appear blank. **Sources:** 2022 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2022 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau. Detailed sources are available at http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/.